

Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission
Board Meeting
April 20, 2007

The Board Meeting for the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission was held on Friday, April 20, 2007 at the Sloppy Floyd Building Suite 814, 2 Martin Luther King Jr Dr Atlanta GA

The following Board members were present:	Others Present:
J.J. Biello – Chairman Phil Hunnicutt Moses Ector Cary Ichter Tom Moraetes	Kelly Farr, Executive Director Ajay Gohil, Board Attorney Brett Moses David Oblas Kevin Odom Ken Coffey Mark Maske Richard Haliburton

Chairman Biello established that a quorum was present and the public hearing that was scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m., was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes from the March 5, 2007 board meeting: Commissioner Hunnicutt made a motion, Commissioner Moraetes seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes.

Minutes from the March 13, 2007 board meeting: Commissioner Hunnicutt made a motion, Commissioner Moraetes seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes.

Consideration of Adrian Patrick May 4, 2007 Boxing Event Permit – Commissioner Hunnicutt motioned, Commissioner Moraetes seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the Event Permit

Consideration of Robert Marsh vs Bennie Heard bout on the Adrian Patrick May 4, 2007 Boxing Event Permit – Commissioner Moraetes motioned, Commissioner Ichter seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the bout.

Consideration of Tyrese Hendrix vs Anthony Bowman bout on the Adrian Patrick May 4, 2007 Boxing Event Permit – Commissioner Moraetes motioned, Commissioner Ichter seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the bout. Chairman Biello dissented

Consideration of Brett Moses April 21, 2007 Pro/AM MMA Event Permit – Commissioner Hunnicutt motioned, Commissioner Ichter seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the Event Permit

Consideration of Kevin Odom MMA Promoter License and May 4, 2007 Pro/AM MMA Event Permit – Commissioner Hunnicutt motioned, Commissioner Ichter

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seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the Promoters License and Event Permit pending delivery of appropriate medical insurance

Consideration of Lane Collyer May 5, 2007 AM MMA Event Permit –

Commissioner Ichter motioned, Commissioner Hunnicutt seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the Event Permit

Consideration of Scott Harper May 18, 2007 AM MMA Event Permit –

Commissioner Ichter motioned, Commissioner Moraetes seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the Event Permit pending delivery of appropriate medical insurance

Consideration of David Oblas June 8, 2007 and July 27, 2007 Pro/AM MMA

Event Permit – Commissioner Ichter motioned, Commissioner Moraetes seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the Event Permit pending delivery of appropriate medical insurance

Consideration of James Corbett June 8, 2007 Pro/AM MMA Event Permit –

Commissioner Ichter motioned, Commissioner Hunnicutt seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the Event Permit pending delivery of appropriate surety bond

Consideration of Kipp Kollar 2007 MMA Promoter's License – Commissioner Ichter motioned, Commissioner Hunnicutt seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the Promoters License pending delivery of surety bond

Consideration of Kipp Kollar June 8, 2007 Pro/AM MMA Event Permit –

Commissioner Ichter motioned, Commissioner Hunnicutt seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the Event Permit pending delivery of appropriate medical insurance

Consideration of Board Rule 90-1: Professional MMA Rules – Commissioner Ichter motioned, Commissioner Ector seconded and the board voted to post the rules.

90-1 Professional MMA Rules.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-4B-50

The Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the applicable laws as provided by the Attorney General's office.

The board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the applicable laws to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A)(B)(C)(D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed by the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission.

Consideration of Board Rule 90-2: Amateur MMA Rules – Commissioner Ichter motioned, Commissioner Ector seconded and the board voted to post the rules.

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90-2 Professional MMA Rules.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-4B-50

The Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the applicable laws as provided by the Attorney General's office.

The board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the applicable laws to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A)(B)(C)(D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed by the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission

Consideration of Board Rule 85-1: Amateur MMA Rules – Commissioner Ichter motioned, Commissioner Hunnicutt seconded and the board voted to post the rules.

85-1 Boxing Rules.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-4B-7

The Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the applicable laws as provided by the Attorney General's office.

The board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the applicable laws to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A)(B)(C)(D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed by the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission

There was much public discussion about the proposed rules changes to be posted on a vote by the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission. The majority of the complaints were focused on the proposed Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Rules with the following focus: Requirement of Shin and Instep Pads, No Blows to the head while on the ground, 10 count for opponents brought to the ground by a strike. There is also objection of the 5% fee associated with MMA ticket sales.

Commissioner Moraetes made the statement that his responsibility is to the promoters of the state of Georgia and how they promote in this state and the impact to the promoters is what he uses as a basis for making his decisions.

Commissioner Moraetes would like for the GAEC to research reducing the requirement of a negative Hepatitis Test from every 180 days to every 365 days

Commissioner Ichter made a motion, Commissioner Hunnicutt seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A §43-1-

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19(h)(2) and §43-1-2(k) to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and the Assistant Attorney General's report.

Douglas Day- putting on unlicensed show and failure to appear for commission meeting. Ajay Gohil to write show cause order to Mr. Day.

Executive Director's Report – Kelly Farr

- Delivered Memo to the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission on 43-4B

Attorney General's Report – Ajay Gohil

- Nothing to Report

The next meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2007 at 1201 West Peachtree St, Suite 2200 Atlanta, GA 30309 at **11:00 a.m.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.
